

GRANT COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

401 South Adams Street
Marion, Indiana 46953

The Grant County Drainage Board meeting was held July 12, 2022 in the Grant County Council Chambers. Mark Bardsley, Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. Other members present were Vice-Chairman Gordon Gough, Kenny Cates, Richard Cox, Grant County Surveyor Jim Todd and Drainage Board Secretary, Mary Weesner. Pat Pinkerton was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kenny Cates made a motion to approve the June 28, 2022 minutes as presented. Since there is not a voting quorum for attendance on this motion; the approval of minutes has been tabled until next meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Jim Todd read the claims as follows:

Enyeart Construction \$2,950.00 Doyle Ferguson; \$39,335.83 in the fund
Enyeart Construction \$1,979.00 Doyle Ferguson; \$39,335.83 in the fund

Richard Cox made a motion to approve the above claims as presented; seconded by Gordon Gough. Motion carried, with support, 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Little Crane Pond – Approval of resolution

There has been no movement on this item per Mark Bardsley. He added that he would follow up with our attorney for an update.

Jim Todd added that a lady that lives out there informed him that there is a mosquito problem. He talked to Eric Bragg about a having a mini excavator to go down stream to dredge out about a foot cut and haul off site. Jim said that if Eric's proposal isn't too much, he would prefer to go with Bragg Excavating to get this cleaned out to Kem Road. He is not sure if this will solve the mosquito problem completely but should help considerably. Mark Bardsley asked Jim Todd if the email he had sent him and Pat Pinkerton regarding the Ivanhoe area is attached to this as well; Jim said that this is all apart of the same system.

Hummel Creek

Mary Weesner gave the Board a spreadsheet regarding the expenses incurred after we won the judgement against Gary Ott of Bocoock Land Development; Mark Bardsley asked Mary if this is the total list of the expenses that we believe we can collect from post-verdict; Mary said that it is and she has sent this information to Drainage Board attorney Joe Leone. She added that Joe will get back with her, hopefully later this week with the next step to be taken by the Drainage Board. Mark Bardsley asked if this would be billed or put on property assessment for ditch maintenance; Mary Weesner said that we have to first give him the opportunity to pay before we assess or put a lien on the property.

Solar Ordinance

Mark Bardsley said that with regards to the solar ordinance, they have draft #4 that the Commissioners approved to send back to Area Plan. Area Plan has 45 days to get it back. Mark added that the one thing he wants to work on some more is on page 10 where we have an approve drainage plan. At one point we had listed out all the things that we wanted, but Mark Bardsley added that he is not sure that we have the clarity that private neutral drains have to be identified to mark so that the solar farms would not cut, block or try to stop the private mutual drain. Mark Bardsley reiterated that we need to make sure that the list the Drainage Board has put together has everything that we want. He added that if they don't go through our check off list, accomplishing what we want, it will not get approved and moved onto Area Plan. Ryan Malott, Area Plan Director, agreed with Mark Bardsley as he read part of the ordinance that states it must be approved by the Grant County Drainage Board before the issuance of any permit. Kenny Cates responded by stating that Grant County has several 120 year old ditches. Mark Bardsley said that only about 10% of the ditches are on assessed drains. Richard Cox said that would leave out private ditches; Mark replied adding that we need to make sure our requirements that all mutual drains are identified. Ryan Malott stated that on page 12 is the approved drainage plan that he feels was presented to the Drainage Board in February or March and the Board looked at it and also added to it and that is what was put in to the original Commissioners. Mark said that he wants to make sure that the private mutual drains are identified. Ryan read a part of the ordinance that states that any drain or tile that is damaged must be completely repaired near to the original condition so as not to impede the natural flow water. All repairs must be made in a reasonable period of time and to the satisfaction of the Grant County Drainage Board. Jim Todd stated that sounds good.

Chaining Ordinance

There is nothing new to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Pipe Creek – Bragg Excavating, large log jam in Miami County
Jim Todd stated that Miami County is taking care of Pipe Creek. Miami County sends us collected money since this is a joint drain with Grant County. They have notified Jim that they have Eric Bragg out there working on large log jams in Miami County. Mark Bardsley asked if we had to pay this, Jim Todd replied that we have a good fund on Pipe Creek and there are no issues with this, adding that we have spent thousands of dollars removing dead trees this year.

OTHER BUSINESS

There is no other business to discuss

ADJOURN:

Kenny Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11: a.m.; seconded by Richard Cox. Motion carried 4-0.

The next scheduled Drainage Board meeting to be held will be July 26, 2022 at 11:00 am and will be held in the Grant County Council Chambers.

Minutes recorded by:
Mary R. Weesner
Drainage Board Secretary

The Grant County Drainage Board has approved the minutes for July 12, 2022 as presented:

Mark Bardsley

Gordon Gough

Richard Cox

Kenny Cates

Absent

Pat Pinkerton